

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

MONDAY, December 1, 1823.

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution and form of Government, for the meeting of the General Assembly of this State, the following Members appeared, viz:—

For Saint Mary's County—George S. Leigh, Stephen H. Gough, John L. Millard, and Athanasius Fenwick, Esquires.

For Kent County—Joseph Ireland, Junr., William Coburn, Rasin Gale, and James Hodges, Esquires.

For Anne-Arundel County—Abner Linthecum, Charles R. Stewart and Leonard Iglehart, Esquires.

For Calvert County—John R. C. Chesley, and James A. D. Dalrymple, Esquires.

For Charles County—John Edelen, Esquire.

For Baltimore County—Tobias E. Stansbury, William F. Johnson, and Hugh Ely, Esquires.

For Talbot County—Theodore R. Loockerman, Edward Lloyd, Junr., and Nicholas Martin, Esquires.

For Somerset County—Littleton I. Dennis, Joshua Bratton, and George A. Dashiell, Esquires.

For Dorchester County—John R. W. Pitt, John Willis, and William Hutson, Esquires.

For Cecil County—Frisby Henderson, James Gerry, and Guy Bryan, Esquires.

For Prince George's County—Benedict I. Semmes, and William T. Wootton, Esquires.

For the City of Annapolis—Thomas H. Carroll, Esquire.

For Queen Ann's County—Daniel C. Hopper, William, C. Meconiken, Richard Moffit, and Charles R. Nicholson, Esquires.

For Worcester County—John P. Slemaker, and William Riley, Esquires.

For Frederick County—Nicholas Turbutt, John Fisher, Henry Kemp, and Joseph M. Crumwell, Esquires.

For Harford County—William Whiteford, Charles S. Sewell, Alexander Norris, and James Steel, Esquires.

For Caroline County—Elijah Barwick, Joseph Douglass, and Edward Barwick, Esquires.

For the City of Baltimore—William Stewart, and William G. D. Worthington, Esquires.

For Washington County—James H. Bowles, and Joseph J. Merrick, Esquires.

For Montgomery County—George Peter, and Washington Duvall, Esquires—and

For Allegany County—George Bruce, Michael C. Sprigg, John M'Mahon, and John M'Henry, Esquires.

A sufficient number of delegates being convened, they severally qualified in the presence of each other, by taking the several oaths prescribed by the constitution and form of government, by subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and by taking, repeating and subscribing the oath to support the constitution of the United States.

And then adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 2, 1823.

The house met. Present the same Members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Suttin I. Weems, Esq. a delegate returned for Calvert county; Edmund B. Duvall, and Abraham Clark, Esq's. delegates returned for Prince George's county; George Howard, of Brice, Esq. a delegate returned for Anne Arundel county; Robert Garner, Walter M. Millar, and Thomas Rogerson, Esq's. delegates returned for Charles county; Richard Spencer, Esq. a delegate returned for Talbot county, and Jeremiah Hughes, Esq. a delegate returned for the city of Annapolis; appeared, qualified and took their seats.

The house proceeded to ballot for a Speaker, the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared that Tobias E. Stansbury, Esq. was elected.

The house appointed John Brewer Chief Clerk. Ordered, that he be qualified as such by taking the several oaths required, by subscribing a declaration of his belief in the Christian Religion, and by taking an oath that he will honestly, faithfully and diligently discharge the duties of his office; and that he will not reveal or disclose the secrets of the house